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Applicant: T. V. MCCARTHY et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: 09/673,739 Group: 1635  
Filed: October 20, 2000 Examiner: Unassigned  
For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING  
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA  
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF  
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

DRAWING CORRECTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

May 1, 2001

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's authorization of the drawing corrections shown in red ink on the attached sheet. No new matter has been added by these changes. These drawing changes will be implemented into formal drawings by Applicant's bonded draftsman upon approval by the Examiner and subsequent allowance of the application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOTAL	23	-	23	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	-	3	=	0	\$80	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$270	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

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- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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